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Applicant: Galen R. Hatfield Group Art Unit: 2881
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Request for Reconsideration of Final Rejection

Applicant respectfully submits that the final rejection of the above-identified application was premature and requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the finality of the rejection.

The prosecution of this case was reopened to enter the following new grounds of rejection after the appeal brief was filed:

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- i) indefiniteness of claims 17-20 and 22-37 (Office Action mailed August 27, 2002 at page 2);
- ii) anticipation of claim 25 in view of Regulla et al, "Dosimetry by ESR Spectroscopy of Alanine," Int. J. Appl. Radiat. Isot., Vol. 33, pp. 1101-1114 (1982) ("Regulla") (*id.* at page 3); and
- iii) obviousness of claims 3, 9, 24, and 27-37 in view of Regulla (*id.* at page 4).

For an Office Action containing a new ground of rejection to be made final after reopening prosecution after filing of the appeal brief, the new ground of rejection must be either:
1) necessitated by an amendment or 2) based on information presented in an information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). (MPEP §1208.02.)